

Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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NO BARRIER TO AGREEMENT.

While some of the verbal exchanges at the old Transit franchise hearing last night were pretty sharp, the differences of opinion as to little to do with the merits of the proposed franchise, but with interpretation of the same.

That is now before the supreme court, whether it affirms the decision of the lower court, upholding the street railway company, decides adversely to the company, the court will not vitally affect the present proposal.

Nothing developed at last night's hearing ought to block the way to a new charter and ninety-nine people out of a hundred in Honolulu agree that the company should have a new charter and proceed with its extensions and improvements. The disputes which arose last night were engendered mostly by irrelevant comment made on the spur of the moment made both by representatives of the city and representatives of the company. It was not a sparring in which no damage was done except possibly to feelings temporarily ruffled. In the developments of last night, there is a serious difference in attitude between the street railway corporation, the supervisors or public utilities commission. Each is trying to stand on what it deems its rights, and those rights as voiced last night are not basically conflicting. The city's claims to consideration, though stated at times in a manner not very diplomatic, are strong enough to warrant some changes in the franchise plan as read last night. Further conferences ought to harmonize every difference.

LABOR'S UNREST ON THE MAINLAND.

Points such as those recorded in Pennsylvania yesterday emphasize the increasing labor unrest on the mainland. A business man's intelligent survey of the situation is given in Henry's trade letter of April 22. He writes:

One of the most disturbing features of the present situation is the labor crisis, which is a sequence of the war or the intense industrial activity which it has been the means of promoting in spots. Wages in many industries have already risen, and in some instances further advances are being demanded following those recently given. Occasionally the increase has been as much as 20 per cent since the first of January, but this is exceptional and only in the nature of bonuses; the majority of advances having been 5 to 10 per cent. This is the season when human unrest is usually at its height, the stimulus of spring and the outlook for plenty of work after the slack of winter being universal incentives to labor. The rise in commodity prices and the inflation of costs are also factors in the movement. It is not without significance that many labor movements begin in April, history showing that several of the great wars began in that month. The concessions to labor are being made with a full apprehension of what must be expected when the war is over. Then reaction-tendencies will surely assert themselves. Our manufacturers will find that they are expected to a high cost level compared with foreign manufacturers, who will be so much the more able to keep us out of foreign markets, also better able to compete with us in our own markets. For the next few weeks we must be prepared for more or less labor agitation. Labor at present is securing an advantage from the purely ephemeral rush of activity caused by war. When this is over, will it be willing to accept its share of the downward readjustment? Unless prices and wages are allowed to fall back to more normal and natural levels, it will be impossible for our

manufacturers to escape some very serious difficulties. Prices will probably readjust themselves automatically when supply and demand conditions recover their natural sway, but no reduction in wages will be possible without strong opposition. These tendencies, though some distance ahead, are occupying the thoughtful attention of industrial managers.

BAD NEWS FOR THE POLITICIANS.

City Engineer Collins will incur the wrath of the professional politicians by his vigorous measures to get economy and efficiency in the road department and engineering branches of the city administration, but he is reaping the praise of disinterested citizens.

The fight will probably start on Mr. Collins pretty soon. When the job-hunters and others who live on political patronage begin to howl, then is the time for the supervisors to stand by Collins and give him just as free a hand as they are giving him now. Then is the time for Mayor Lane to stand by him. Then is the time for the public to stand by him. And that time is coming pretty soon, for Collins is running his office independent of the politicians.

Once more Ex-Supervisor-Legislator-Hackman-Watchman Aylett is under fire. The eloquent garbage superintendent is said to be inattentive to his duty. One of the supervisors declares that Aylett is the innocent target for the criticism of embittered enemies, but upon the eschewer of the honorable gentleman there still remains the stain sinister placed there by a former superintendent of public works, who found Aylett, then watchman at the Capitol, serenely slumbering instead of watchfully waiting. This little incident is called to mind by the complaint of citizens of making the garbage rounds, "remains in the stables continually." That is where the hay is softest.

Premier Asquith, announcing the compulsory service bill, says that the present machinery for getting recruits is inadequate. In the same breath he says that since the war began more than 5,000,000 men have joined the colors. That looks like pretty good recruiting machinery. Britain has given to the Allies' cause more than five times as many men as she agreed to do when the war opened.

There seems to be a good deal of Alphonse-Gaston stuff to this conference on the Mexican border, but with Gen. Scott and Gen. Funston on the job Uncle Sam won't be coolly eased out of the picture.

The Star-Bulletin has received an interesting letter "In Re Lihue Plantation Company," referring to the governor's trip to Kauai, but as the letter is anonymous, this paper cannot publish it.

Guy B. Randell, the alleged "war-plotter" whose story wasn't believed when the federal grand jury probed this mysterious case, is now declared sane. Will the case be tacitly dropped?

King Alfonso of Spain is proposed to umpire the controversy between Uncle Sam and Germany, a proposal which, if it were not so laughable, would bust up the league.

If Berlin has really admitted responsibility for the sinking of the Dutch liner Tubantia, in a few months more she may get around to the Persia incident.

China is starting a couple of republics and each one needs a president. What a place for the Colonel!

Personal Mention

DOUGLAS COOKE left on the Matsonia today for San Francisco.

MR. and MRS. J. HIND left on the Matsonia today for the mainland.

MR. and MRS. R. HIND were passengers leaving on the Matsonia this morning.

MRS. H. P. BALDWIN was an outgoing passenger on the Matsonia this morning.

FRANCIS GAY of Gay & Robinson, Kauai, left today on the Matsonia for the mainland.

JUDGE A. A. WILDER sailed on the Matsonia this morning on a business trip to San Francisco.

J. M. DOWSETT was an outgoing passenger on the Matsonia today, bound for San Francisco.

MRS. J. P. COOKE left today on the Matsonia, to visit relatives and friends on the mainland.

MR. and MRS. JOHN WATERHOUSE left this morning on the Matsonia for a vacation in California.

PAUL SCHEID, accompanied by Mrs. Scheid, was to leave for Maui today for a tour of Haleakala.

JOSEPH K. BISHOP of the Advertiser sailed this morning on the Matsonia for the mainland on a vacation trip.

W. H. SMITH, the Hilo attorney, is visiting in Honolulu, having arrived in the steamer Mauna Kea yesterday.

MR. and MRS. C. F. BISHOP were passengers leaving on the Matsonia this morning for a trip to the mainland.

R. A. WADSWORTH of Kahului, Maui, and Mrs. Wadsworth are visitors in Honolulu. They will remain here several days.

JOHN O'ROURKE arrived in Honolulu from the mainland yesterday. Mr. O'Rourke is a well-known Hilo and San Francisco horseman.

J. A. BASHAM of Benson, Smith & Company, Ltd., sailed on the Matsonia today accompanied by his family for a vacation in California.

CAPT. GORDON N. KIMBALL, 4th Cavalry, Schofield Barracks, has registered at department headquarters as passing through on his way to Hilo.

HENRY J. LYMAN of Kapoho, Puna, Hawaii, one of the two delegates from the territory to the Republican national convention, is in Honolulu.

AUGUST HUMBURG and Mrs. Humburg of 1508 Keeaumoku street welcomed last Sunday the arrival of a baby girl. She has been named Marietta Augusta.

HENRY C. K. O'SULLIVAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. O'Sullivan, was host at an entertainment at the home of his parents last night in celebration of his birth.

H. M. von HOLT left this morning on the Matsonia, accompanied by Mrs. von Holt. They will attend the commencement exercises of Yale university and see their son Herman graduate.

JUDGE ARTHUR A. WILDER left for the mainland in the Matsonia today to attend to legal business in San Francisco and to take in the Republican, Democratic and Progressive national conventions. He expects to return to Honolulu early in July.

J. ALEXANDER LYLE, superintendent of the Inter-Island drydock, left this morning on the Matsonia, accompanied by Mrs. Lyle, for a three months' visit on the mainland. They will visit Mr. Lyle's old home at Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia, while away in Mr. Lyle's absence, his brother William Lyle, will be acting superintendent.

JOSEPH ORDENSTEIN, clerk in the custom house, left today on the Matsonia for San Francisco, to attend the Foresters' convention in Oakland. This is his first voyage to the mainland as he was born in the islands and has never been away from them.

ALLEN DOONE and Edna Keeler, Irish players who delighted Honolulu fans recently, sailed from San Francisco yesterday on their way to Australia, according to advices received from J. Walter Doyle, now on the mainland. His name is not known. He will play the accompaniments, the others all being soloists on this trip.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

MARC T. GREENE of Boston: I shall look forward to returning to the islands again. Furthermore, I hope to have the opportunity of answering some of the very foolish things written about Hawaii by superficial observers, who fail entirely to catch the charm and beauty of Hawaii.

WADE WARREN THAYER, territorial secretary: If the action of the first applicant for a Hawaiian birth certificate under the new rules is any criterion, the Hawaiian-born Japanese of the territory are pretty thoroughly Americanized. A boy of 15, born on this island, came to me last week with his application and I asked him a number of questions. I found that he was still in school but planned to go back to Japan. I asked him how long he was going to stay. "Only a couple of months," he replied. "What will you do if they force you to join the army and fight Germany," I asked him, jokingly. He took me seriously and with flashing eye answered: "I am no Japanese. I am an American. They can't make me fight for them."

VITAL STATISTICS

DIED

YUNG—In the Leahi Home, Honolulu, May 2, 1916, Yung Song Ha of Hialeka, Maui, married, laborer, a native of Korea, 37 years, 2 months and 18 days old.

KAICHI—In Honolulu, May 2, 1916, Yoshimi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kihichi Kalehi of 1252 Nuuanu street, two years one month and six days old.

AH YOU—In Honolulu, May 1, 1916, Ah Kin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ah Yoo of Dowsett lane, Palama, two months and 29 days old.

SHINZU—In Honolulu, May 3, 1916, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shycoza Shinzu of Diamond Head road.

KAIPOEPOE—In Honolulu, May 2, 1916, at the Queen's hospital, William Kaiopoepe, two months old infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kaiopoepe.

TAN A—In Honolulu, May 2, 1916, Sookichi Tanaka, male, age 35.

MEACOCK NAMED SUPREME LEADER OF PHOENIX LODGE

Archibald Meacock was named supreme leader of the local Phoenix Lodge at the annual election held last night. Other officers elected were: Past supreme leader, Peter Baroff; first junior supreme leader, J. C. Cohen; vice-supreme leader, James Bicknell; supreme chaplain, M. J. Serpa; supreme secretary, W. K. Simerson; supreme treasurer, J. Orjenstein; supreme master-at-arms, J. Kennedy; supreme inner guard, W. Ellerbrock; supreme outer guard, W. C. Bergen; supreme trustees, Lorrin Andrews, Peter Baron, William King; supreme directors, A. Meacock, James Bicknell, Lorrin Andrews, Peter Baron, C. T. Henderson. The new officers will be installed on May 16.

SAYS SLAUGHTER IN EUROPE IS TERRIBLE

Charles F. Parsons, clerk in the local army headquarters, has just received a letter from his brother-in-law, E. Colby of Detroit, Michigan, who has been with the American Red Cross in Europe. Colby saw duty with the service among the Russians for a time, and was later transferred to Flanders among the French soldiers. He describes the slaughter and the suffering as being most terrible. He spent six months in the war-torn country.

POSTOFFICE INSPECTOR THOMAS J. FLAVIN HAS RETURNED FROM MAUI

POSTOFFICE INSPECTOR THOMAS J. FLAVIN has returned from Maui, where he made an inspection of postoffices on the Valley Island, and called on Arthur V. Lloyd, the new postmaster at Lahaina, successor of Arthur Waal, who was postmaster there for 18 years.

MARC T. GREENE of Boston, writer and student, sailed on the Sonoma yesterday after 12 weeks' visit in the islands. He came expecting to spend but 10 days, but was so attracted by island life that he prolonged his visit. After reaching New York he expects to write several articles on Hawaii.

SHERIFF CHARLES H. ROSE left today on the Matsonia for the mainland, where he will spend a two months' vacation. Mr. Rose is a delegate of the Ancient Order of Foresters and will attend the convention at Oakland, starting May 9. Later he may go to the Chicago convention. "If my cash holds out," he says. Deputy Sheriff Julius W. Asch will be in charge during the absence of Mr. Rose.



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Holders of shares of Engels Copper stock were jubilant this morning on receipt of advices from the mainland of sharp advances in quotations. These advices told of sales of 2000 shares at \$2.80.

While copper stocks generally have advanced under the impetus of high metal prices, there is said by those familiar with the conditions of the Engels company to be an even more sound basis for the advance of the stock in the reports that they have received of the condition of the property and ore reserves developed and in sight.

There were 200,000 shares of Engels Copper placed in Honolulu at 25 cents and most of these are said still to be held locally. Upon the original purchase price of such stock by this morning's price there is represented an advance of 1100 per cent.

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DOCTORS TESTS SHOW RANDELL IS QUITE SANE

Again, out again, Finzean. Dr. B. Randell is Honolulu's Finzean. The last attempt of authority to detain the alleged "war-plotter" fell with a crash last night when the defendant was released from an insanity charge. Like checkers, authorities move, then Randell moves—now it's the doctors' move.

Randell held his ground last night, subjected to a rapid bombardment of questions by Dr. R. B. Ayer in the city jail. At times the smiling defendant but the defense always back smiling. Randell, according

LOCAL REBEKAHS AND ODD FELLOWS TO HAVE PICNIC

In celebration of the ninety-seventh anniversary of the I. O. O. F., local Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, with their families, will gather at the Moanalua golf links next Saturday for an old-fashioned basket picnic. The first auto-busses will leave the Capitol grounds at 10:30 o'clock in the morning. Other busses will leave every half hour from 10:30 until 3 o'clock. There will also be busses at the end of the Rapid Transit line at Fort Shafter to accommodate those who desire to travel on the cars. Refreshments will be served and a program of sports has been arranged.

ing to the police, is truly the "come back kid."

Every answer Randell made was clear, to the point and intelligent, says Dr. Ayer. Dr. St. D. G. Walters, who assisted Dr. Ayer in the examination, likewise found not a semblance of insanity and upon report of both doctors, Deputy Sheriff Julius W. Asch, who swore out the warrant, ordered Randell's release.

CHERNIIVSKYS TO GIVE CONCERTS HERE IN JUNE

W. D. Adams, lessee of the Hawaiian Opera House, was able to announce today definite dates for the appearance here of the Cherniivskys brothers, the splendid Slav musicians who appeared here some months ago and won high praise.

After communicating with them by cable, he announced that they will arrive here on the Makura June 14 and leave on the Niagara June 23. The concert dates will be June 15, 17 and 20. Seats may be reserved at the Territorial Messenger Service now.

Jan. Leo and Mischel were the three brothers who were here before. A fourth brother is now with them but

An Exceptional Opportunity

We are offering for sale the old homestead property of the late Reverend Hiram Bingham, on the corner of Alexander and Dole streets, near Oahu College. The grounds cover more than an acre. There are fine old shade and fruit trees which only time can produce, with fine open lawns.

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